

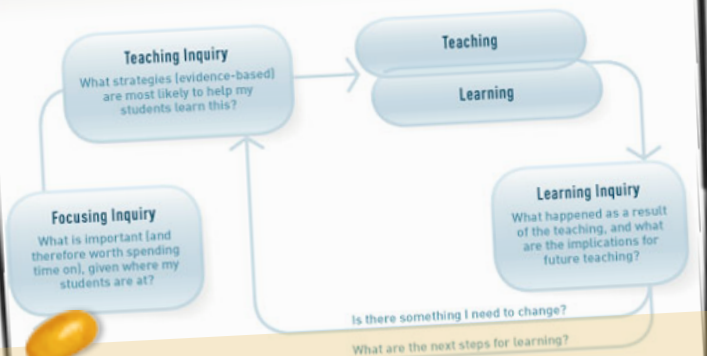
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## Teaching as Inquiry



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### What is pedagogy?

Well, pedagogy is just jargon for the work of a teacher ie teaching.

It covers the art or science of teaching, education and instructional methods! The new curriculum has meant that teachers, Boards of Trustees and communities have extended their understanding of what teaching and learning looks like for their students in their community in the 21st century.

In doing so, the key questions we all need to consider are:

# What is our understanding about learning? What's influencing this?

# What are our understandings about what constitutes meaningful learning? What's influencing this?

# What are our understandings about learners and how meaningful learning happens?

# What is effective teaching? What is this based on?"

The big emphasis is on teaching and learning as an inquiry. Since any teaching strategy works differently in different contexts for different students, effective pedagogy requires that teachers inquire into the impact of their teaching on their students.

E-learning and teaching. The use of ICT and e-learning (ie, learning supported or facilitated by ICT) has considerable potential to support the teaching approaches. We need to explore not only how ICT can supplement traditional ways of teaching but also how it can open up new and different ways of learning.

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## Pedagogy

WHAT DOES EFFECTIVE TEACHING LOOK LIKE:

The new curriculum states that the "evidence tells us that students learn best when teachers:

- \* create a supportive learning environment
- \* encourage reflective thought and action
- \* enhance the relevance of new learning
- \* facilitate shared learning
- \* make connections to prior learning and experience
- \* provide sufficient opportunities to learn
- \* inquire into the teaching-learning relationship.

